Skirmishes on the border

†4159. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of skirmishes on the border, so far, after Kargil war;

(b) the details of the loss of life and property in each skirmish; and

(c) the details of the steps taken or being taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAMRAJU): (a) No border clashes have taken place between India and Pakistan after the Kargil conflict in 1999.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) All vulnerable points along the LC and the IB are adequately defended and all developments continue to be constantly monitored.

Purchase of simulators for fighter planes

4160. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the IAF had decided to buy simulators for fighter planes and helicopters to bring down the number of MIG-21 crashes;

(b) if so, the countries from which such simulators are likely to be purchased and the extent to which it would be helpful in curbing MIG crashes;

(c) whether the feasibility of such simulators have been tested before importing it; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAMRAJU): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (d). The purchase of simulators is at planning stage and from various sources. However, it may be incorrect to presume that induction of simulators, would directly bring about a major reduction in number of MIG-21 crashes. It helps pilots to react better in emergency situation. Simulators

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enhance the training and proficiency levels. The feasibility of few types of simulators have been tested.

Sabotage and theft at Itarsi Ordnance Factory

†4161. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the incident of sabotage and theft of equipments done in the ordnance factory situated near Itarsi in Hoshangabad district, recently on the night of 13th and 14th June, 2001;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard, so far; and

(c) whether Government are taking any steps to stop such type of incidents in future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAMRAJU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The damage was rectified and plant operation resumed on the night of 13th June itself. An FIR was lodged with the police. A Board of Enquiry has been constituted to investigate into the incident.

(c) Security surveillance has been intensified to avoid recurrence.

Sale of Lakshya Aircraft

4162. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA' : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the orders are not being received for Lakshya, the country's first Pilotless Target Aircraft;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it has become fully functional now; and

(d) how much period it had taken to develop it fully ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAMRAJU): (a) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is already executing orders for 'Lakshya' system for the Air Force, the Navy and the Army under a Limited Series Production. Negotiations are

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